(c) Yes Sir. A number of Conferences were held nothing new has been brought to Govt's notice in terms of preventive measures.

(d) At present there are 146 Eye Banks functioning in the country. The information regardig stock of eyes, donated to these Eye Bans during 1991-92, is not available.

(e) The Government's ultimate goal for control of blindness is to reduce the prevalence rate of blindness to 0.3 per cent by 2000 A.D.

NPA to Government Doctors

3088. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 221 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are paying Non-Practising Allowance (NPA) to the Government Doctors; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking against those Doctors indulging in Private Practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some complaints were received against the Registrar-cum-Secretary, Central Council of Homoeopathy and certain officers of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy. In this regard, a reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 221 was given on July 16, 1991. As regards the complaint against the Principal, Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College, New Delhi, doing private practice, the same has been got investigated by the Delhi Administration and the officer has been charge sheeted. Further action is being taken by the Delhi Administration, as per rules.

Inferior quality of imported condoms

3089. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to stop the import of condoms;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that imported condoms have been found to be of inferior quality and health authorities have no control over the imported products in packages with objectional photographs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) At present the indigenous production capacity is more than sufficient to meet the requirement of the country and strict quality control is exercised on indigenously maufactured condom. Valuable foreign exchange can be saved if condomns are not imported.

(c) The Imports and Exports Policy 1990-91 allows the import of coloured condoms under Open General Licence (OGL). Drugs Controller (India), while approving the import of coloured condoms calls for specimen samples along with catch covers and a Free Sale Certificate of the Ministry of Health of the exporting country. Drugs Controller (India) has not approved any import of coloured condoms packed in objectionable photographs. The Government of India have notified the Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad as statutory Labs-